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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN MESSAGE ON WESTERN SAHARA

1. UN SYG WALDHEIM RECEIVED MAY 9 LETTER FROM ALGERIAN
DEP PERM REP BOUAYAD-AGHA REQUESTING THAT ENCLOSED
MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM FROM ALGERIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS BOUTEFLIKA BE CIRCULATED TO ALL UN MEMBER STATES.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE WHICH WAS CIRCULATED
MAY 11 AND WHICH CONCERNS QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA;

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ANNEX

MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY THE MINISTER
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ALGERIA

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SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE MADRID AGREEMENT OF 14 NOVEMBER 1975
AND THE DIVISION OF THE TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAHARA, IN
FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THE
DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, AND IN DISREGARD OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN PARTICULAR RESOLUTION 3458

(XXX), THE SAHARAN PEOPLE HAVE CONTINUED TO INTENSIFY THEIR STRUGGLE AND TO AFFIRM THEIR DETERMINATION TO UPHOLD THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

FAITHFUL TO THE ACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY PREOCCUPIED WITH THE SITUATION CREATED IN WESTERN SAHARA AND HAS REAFFIRMED THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE. THUS, AT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HELD IN MAURITIUS, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN WESTERN SAHARA, IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD A SPECIAL SUMMIT MEETING DEVOTED TO THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE STRUGGLING SAHARAN PEOPLE.

PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF PROMOTING A SOLUTION IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICY LAID DOWN BY THE UNITED NATIONS, ALGERIA HAS ACTIVELY CO-OPERATED IN THE MISSION OF YOUR SPECIAL ENVOY, AMBASSADOR RYDBECK, WHO WAS GIVEN THIS TASK UNDER RESOLUTION 3458 (XXX). ALGERIA CAN ONLY EMPHASIZE WITH REGRET THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN AUTHORITIES, WHICH HAS LED TO THE INTERRUPTION OF THE RYDBECK MISSION. THIS OBSTACLE TO THE ACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WAS ADDED TO OTHER OBSTACLES PLACED IN THE WAY OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF WESTERN SAHARA. TODAY, THE MULTIPLICATION AND INTENSIFICATION OF THE FIGHTING IS EVIDENCE, IF FURTHER EVIDENCE WERE NEEDED, OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN SAHARA AND DEMONSTRATES TO THE WHOLE WORLD THAT THERE CANNOT BE PEACE AS LONG AS THE LEGITIMATE AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION ARE NOT ACHIEVED.

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IN VIEW OF THE BREADTH AND SUCCESS OF THIS LIBERATION STUGGLE AND IN ORDER TO CONCEAL THE SETBACKS IN THEIR POLICY OF ANNEXING THE TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAHARA, THE GOVERNMENTS OF RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT ARE SEEKING TO JUSTIFY THEIR MILITARY REVERSES BY MAKING DIRECT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ALGERIA. IN THIS CONTEXT, AND TO FORESTALL ANY ATTEMPT TO WIDEN THE CONFLICT SO AS TO CONCEAL THE REAL NATURE OF A STUGGLE IN WHICH THE SAHARANS ARE FIGHTING THE NEW OCCUPIERS, ALGERIA HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO LIMIT THE PROBLEM TO ITS FUNDAMENTAL DIMENSIONS.

THE ACUTE AWARENESS AND THE INTEREST WHICH YOU HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN, AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THIS PROBLEM, THE GRAVE RISKS OF AN EXTENSION OF THE CONFLICT TO WHICH THE INTRIGUES OF A NON-AFRICAN STATE HAVE GIVEN RISE AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THIS QUESTION OF DECLONIZATION MAKE IT ESSENTIAL TO RECONSIDER INITIATIVES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL ALLOW THE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE BY THE SAHARAN PEOPLE OF THEIR

RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. FOR ITS PART, ALGERIA WISHES TO REITERATE THAT IT IS READY FOR ANY INITIATIVE YOU MAY TAKE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ADMINISTERING POWER, THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN SAHARA AND THE OTHER CONCERNED AND INTERESTED PARTIES. ACTION ALONG THESE LINES WILL PROVIDE A SOLID BASIS FOR THE ADVENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE AND FRUITFUL CO-OPERATION FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION.

WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THIS QUESTION OF DECLONIZATION, THE EFFORTS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE TO ENSURE THE RETURN OF INTERNATIONAL LEGALITY CANNOT IN ANY WAY RUN COUNTER TO THE ACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, WHICH AS DECIDED TO HOLD A SPECIAL SUMMIT MEETING DEVOTED TO THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE. THE ACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IS WITHIN THE FIELD OF APPLICATION OF THE PERTINENT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE CHARTERS.

(SIGNED) ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1977 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT TO YOU HERewith A MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO YOU BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKE, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA, ON THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA.

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I WOULD REQUEST YOU TO ARRANGE FOR IT TO BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ITEM 24 OF THE PRELIMINARY LIST.

(SIGNED) FATHIH BOUAYAD-AGHA
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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